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| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | 6 | Application Number | 09/446,641 |
| Filing Date | December 22, 1999 | First Named Inventor | T. Hatazawa et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 1745 | Examiner Name | Tracy Mae Dove |
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

Transmitted herewith is Response to October 17, 2005 Final Office Action.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

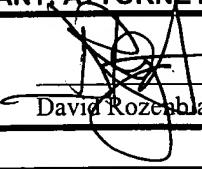
| (1) FOR | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | (3) | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADDITIONAL FEE |
|-----------------------|---|-----|--|---|--|--------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 6 | - | 29 | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$9.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00 | \$0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1 | - | 3 | 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$42.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$86.00 | \$0 |
| | APPLICATION AMENDED TO CONTAIN ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR. | | | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> x \$140.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$280.00 ONE TIME | \$0 |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | \$0 |

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated October 17, 2005 by 1 month(s) for a fee of \$120.00 so that the period for response is extended to February 17, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.
 The amount of \$ _____ for the Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 is included in the enclosed check.
 The amount of \$ _____ for the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) is included in the enclosed check.
 The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$120.00 covers the extension fee.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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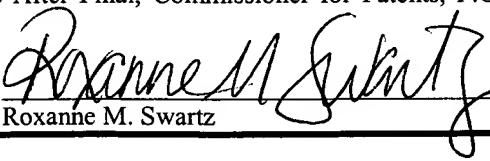
Dated: February 2, 2006


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Dated: February 2, 2006


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